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 Examiner : J. LIPOVSKY
 Applicant(s) : ROGER M. BOISSONNEAULT
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TRANSMITTAL OF A RESPONSE
TO A NON-FINAL ACTION (37 CFR 1.111)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a ~~reply and~~ amendment in the above-captioned application in response to the Examiner's ~~non-final~~ interview of April 12, 1990.

- [x] The reply and/or amendment is being filed under 37 CFR 1.8 and the required Certificate of Mailing appears above. The use of this certificate is intended to insure that the reply and/or amendment will be considered as timely filed.
- [x] An additional fee in the amount of \$ 0.00 is required for the amended claims presented and has been calculated as shown on page 3.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-0450 in the amount of the additional fee above, or such greater or lesser amount of excess fees for claims as the Commissioner determines is required by law. This letter is submitted in triplicate.

[] Applicant(s) hereby petitions for a _____ month extension of the period for response in the above-captioned application which expired on _____ and hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge the extension fee of \$_____, or such greater or lesser amount as may be required by 37 CFR 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 23-0450. This transmittal letter is submitted in triplicate. If for any reason the extension requested above is insufficient to extend the period for response to the date of this paper, applicant(s) hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) sufficient to obtain such an extension and/or the revival of the above-captioned application as having been unintentionally abandoned and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the required fees under 37 CFR 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 23-0450.

Respectfully submitted,

April 19, 1980

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Attachments: Reply/Amendment

- Form PLD-115 (in triplicate)
- Calculation of Additional Fees for Amended Claims

CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL FEES FOR AMENDED CLAIMS

Applicant(s) have calculated the additional fees for the amended claims as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment*	(3)	(4) Previously Paid For**	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Fee
Total Claims	9	Minus	20	= 0	x \$12	0.00
Independent Claims	1	Minus	3	= 0	x \$36	0.00
[] Newly Presented Multiple Dependent Claim (\$120)						
ADDITIONAL FEE						0.00

* If entry in Column 2 is less than entry in Column 4, enter "0" in Column 5.

** If claims previously paid for are less than 20 for total claims or 3 for independent claims, enter 20 for total claims or 3 for independent claims in Column 4.



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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Pursuant to an interview courteously granted by the Examiner with the undersigned on April 12, 1990, which has been made of record, Paper No. 5, Applicant respectfully proffers the present amendment as agreed at said interview.

In the Claims:

B1
 Claim 1 (amended). A method of contraception comprising the steps of sequentially-administering to a female of child bearing age:

(1) for about 4 to about 7 days, a composition I containing about 0.5-1.5 mg norethindrone acetate and about 10-50 mcg ethinyl estradiol,

(2) for about 5 to about 8 days, a composition II containing about 0.5-1.5 mg norethindrone acetate and about 10-50 mcg ethinyl estradiol, and

(3) for about 7 to about 12 days, a composition III containing 0.5-1.5 mg norethindrone acetate and about 10-50 mcg ethinyl estradiol, wherein the amount of ethinyl estradiol is increased stepwise by the amount of at least 5 mcg in each step [over the three compositions].

B2
 In claim 2, line 3, please replace "4" with --IV--.

Claim 5 (amended). The method of Claim 4 wherein the [at least one] compositions are [is] administered in combination with a suitable carrier.

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 Claim 7 (amended). The method of Claim 6 wherein the [at least one] compositions are [is] administered in combination with a suitable carrier.

B4
 Claim 9 (amended). The method of Claim 8 wherein the [at least one] compositions are [is] administered in combination with a suitable carrier.